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Medic and Boy Scout supporting jamboree

Working for Army to attain goals and surmount obstacles opens doors



Photo by Spc. Mark Rickert

Pfc. Steven J. Gellman, a former Eagle Scout and medic for the 28th CSH, examines a patient with an EKG.

By Spc. Mark S. Rickert and Spc. Jeff S. Keown 372nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The EKG machine beeps rhythmically as Pfc. Steven J. Gellman, a medic with the 261st Area Support Medical Brigade, attaches electrodes to the bare chest of a fellow soldier in the 28th Combat Support Hospital here. Although this is only a training exercise, Gellman is preparing for the 2001 National Scout Jamboree that

kicks off on Monday. Gellman is no stranger to scouting. He spent eleven years with troop 42 in Easton, Mass., progressing to the level of Eagle Scout.

"Becoming an Eagle Scout was one of the hardest things in my life," said Gellman. "I put in a lot of years. Every Monday at our troop meetings we'd learn something new, then at our monthly camp outs we'd put it into practice. The skills I learned made basic training easier."

Two of Gellman's cousins and his grandfather are supposed to be attending the jamboree. He also has two brothers who spent many years as Scouts.

Although he just recently graduated from the Army's basic training program, Gellman was allowed to move directly into service as a medic because of his previous experience as a paramedic for the City of Boston.

"I earned my emergency medical technician certification during high school. I became a paramedic immediately after graduation. I worked as a paramedic in Boston throughout my college career," said Gellman.

"He's awesome," said Army Sgt. Freija L. Stewart, a medic with the 261st ASMB. "He's filled with tons of medical knowledge."

Gellman spent three years at North Eastern University in Boston before joining the military. He signed up to enlist the military's aid in paying for medical school.

"I want to accomplish a few things in the Army before I go back to school. I'd like to go through Special Forces training and then Ranger school," said Gellman. "It would be nice to tell a medical school that my time in the military was challeng-



Photo by Spc.Mark Rickert

Pfc. Steven J. Gellman, medic for the 28th CSH, prepares EKG electrodes for a test run.

ing."

"He's a little more 'Hooah' than the rest of us," said Army Pvt. Andrew C. Young, a medic with the 261st ASMB. "He's always pushing himself just a little bit harder."

Gellman is extremely enthusiastic about the jamboree.

"I'm looking forward to the chance to interact with Scouts and civilians," said Gellman. "I think this will be a great experience for everyone involved, and I think it will be awesome to care for soldiers."

Gellman loves the outdoors, and when he's not climbing the mountains of life, he's scaling rock walls and icebergs. He will be a medical technician on an ambulance during the jamboree, and if he's not too busy saving someone's life, ask him to tell you a little bit about himself.

Supply soldiers provide basic needs

Quartermasters issue thousands of linens and pillows

By Spc. Jenna C. Bisenius 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Pop quiz: How many rolls of toilet paper can 2,000 soldiers go through in three weeks? Answer: Approximately 10,000, according to Sgt. Claudia C. Smoke, supply sergeant with the 2nd Support Center, Material Management Center, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"We've gotten together over 4,000 sheets and more than 2,000 blankets and pillows for the soldiers attending this exercise," said Smoke. "That's a lot of linen."

It's issues like these that Smoke and other soldiers working at the Wilcox Camp orderly room at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., are addressing during the National Scout Jamboree taking place on post July 23 through August 1. Approximately 2,000 military personnel are expected to support the exercise.

"Basically, our job is to support the soldiers who are supporting the Boy Scouts," said Smoke. "We try to give them the things they need to be able to do their mission."

"This means providing soldiers with a lot of their basic needs: linen, cleaning supplies, and office supplies," said Pvt. Morris E. Cotton, supply specialist with the 612th Quartermaster Company, Fort Bragg.

"Wherever soldiers go, they have to have supplies. This is a one-stop shop for all those things that make life a little bit easier. You're not going to be a very happy soldier if you don't have a blanket at night or a pillow to rest your head on. It's definitely the little things in life that make all the difference."

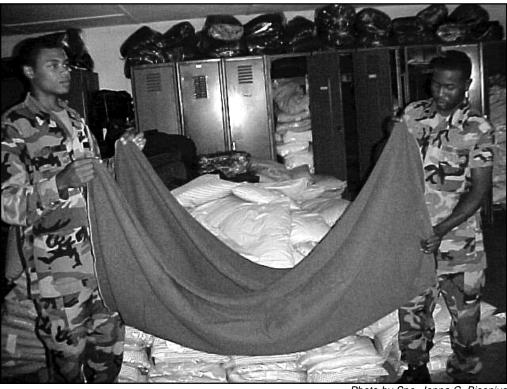


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Pvt. Morris E. Cotton (left), supply specialist with the 612th Quartermaster Company, Fort Bragg, N.C., folds blankets with Spc. Derrick D. Worsley (right), a fuel handler with the 249th Quartermaster Company, Fort Bragg, in preparation for military personnel arriving at Fort A.P. Hill in support of the National Scout Jamboree.

Although the job itself may not be as glamorous as some, working in supply definitely has its rewards, according to Sgt. Pablo A. Torres-Rivera, supply sergeant with the 600th Quartermaster Company, Fort

"I love my job," said Torres-Rivera. "Working in supply gives me a chance to constantly interact one-on-one with soldiers, which is very important to me. I don't do

this job for money. I do it because I enjoy training other soldiers and teaching them all the things that I have learned along the way."

With this kind of dedication, soldiers looking for supplies during the jamboree may well find that, like in the song, "You Can't Always Get What You Want" sung by Mick Jagger, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you just might find, you get what you need."

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Green and blue work together

By Pfc. Casandra M. Bolton 372nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The Navy and Army are working together toward one main goal according to Seaman Mindy M. Schelling, a fire control technician student at the Aegis Training and Readiness Center located in Dahlgren, Va. The goal is to support the National Scout Jamboree taking place July 23 through Aug.

Schelling is one of the 14 sailors who are assisting the Army in preparation for the Scouts arrival.

"We get a chance to hang out with the Army. Each of us gets to see how the other works," said Schelling. "During our rest time we compare our jobs and our military careers."

The sailors assist the Army with different tasks that range from organizing rations and folding linen to setting up tents.

"I thought we had to do this ourselves. I'm so glad the Navy is here," said Spc. Jose R. Perez with the 19th Replacement Company, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The sailors report daily to the Military Jamboree Support Center located in building 1630 to receive their daily tasks. One of their tasks is to unload and organize rations in preparation for the NSJ.

"They're cool. They come in here and they don't complain," said Perez.

Every four years the Navy shows its support to the Scouts by aiding the Army in preparation of the jamboree. "It's nice to be able to have those cross-cultural relations," stated Schelling.

One task the joint-service personnel will tackle is representation of their respective services to the Boy Scouts of America.

"About 90 percent of Boy Scouts join the Army," estimated Spc. Allison C. Clifford, a licensed practical nurse with B Company, 28th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Bragg. "This is more of a recruiting mission for us." Clifford was sent from her unit to help unload boxes at the jamboree.

Mindful of their mission and the values they represent, the soldiers and sailors work together to provide services and smooth sailing to all the people involved in this year's jamboree.

Barber keeps troops razor sharp

Story by Spc. LaTorry D. Sidney 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Appearance is a vital aspect of overall soldier readiness in the United States Army. Without proper grooming, a soldier is unable to "stand tall and look good" in uniform. Licensed barber Hak Sun Demars, the operator of the Post Exchange Barber Shop, plays an extensive role in keeping both military and civilian customers a cut above the rest.

Demars, a former security guard and figurine touch-up artist, became interested in the hair-care profession because of her peers. "I had a friend who had been a barber for about ten years," Demars said. "I started out practicing on my husband and kids."

She then went on to cosmetic school to earn her license. She enhanced her skills by learning to style women's hair as well as males while attending school.

Four and a half years later, Demars continues to hone the skills she learned in school, while keeping up with innovative modern hairstyles. "I like to look at hair designs everywhere I go and even on TV," Demars said. "Sometimes I notice a person's hair design before I notice their face."

Demars, who has been working on post for over a year as the sole operator of the shop, is prepared for the potential boost in clients due to the National Scout Jamboree.

Scouts from across the nation are scheduled to arrive at Fort A.P. Hill for the National Scout Jamboree on July 23.

Demars, wife of a former Boy Scout and mother of a former Cub Scout, has made preparations to better accommodate the soldiers as well as Scouts who visit her shop. "I've extended store operating hours since the Boy Scouts are coming," she said.

"Normally, I'm open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., but I plan to stay open an hour later until after the jamboree. If things get too busy, I have a friend who



Photo by 1st Lt. Tina J. Kroske

Hak Sun Demars, licensed barber, Fort A.P. Hill Post Exchange barber shop, pays "attention to detail" while trimming the hair of Spc. LaTorry D. Sidney, print journalist, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Fort McPherson, GA.

comes out to help," said Demars.

Her experiences here as a barber have all been pleasant ones, according to Demars. "I get a lot of customers by being next to the Post Exchange," she said. "The (soldiers) who live and work here are very nice to me."

Her customers seem to agree. "I like it (my haircut)," said Pfc. Brian D. Strait, a military policeman with the 342nd Military Police Battalion, Covington, Ohio. "It looks a lot better than it would have if I had gotten my haircut back home."

Fort A.P. Hill Chaplain Services

- Sunday Collective Services ...July 22, 29 and August 5; 11 AM until Noon ... Building 1652
- Bible Study and Fellowship every Wednesday
 730 PM until 830 PM ... Building 1653
- Counseling Session ... Noon until 3 PM ...
 Chaplain's Office ...Building 1653, phone number 8631
- Pastoral Care Available ... 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Scouting for a good parking spot

Story by Sgt. Tom Cox 314th Press Camp Headquarters

Chief Warrant Officer John C. Pratt was doing some "scouting" Wednesday, even though he isn't a Scout leader.

Instead, Pratt was looking for a place to safely land an AH-64A Apache helicopter. The Apache will be on display during the National Scout Jamboree, along with an OH-58D Kiowa, used for reconnaissance, and a brand-new UH-60Q Blackhawk, the latest in medical evacuation helicopters.

The selected display area is a tight fit for three helicopters, being bordered by tall trees on one side and 30 plus tents, a trailer, and a light pole on another. Immediately adjacent is a large field covered in bark mulch, which will be blown around in the rotor wash.

"That's why we flew down ahead of time," said Pratt, an instructor pilot with the 3rd Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment (Attack Helicopter), XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I took digital pictures and video and I will brief the incoming pilots so they will know what to expect and they can make the necessary preparations," said Pratt.

The approximately two-hour Apache flight is scheduled to arrive at 10 a.m. Thursday. The other helicopters are flying in from Fort Campbell, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., and will land in the afternoon to be part of the Aviation branch display. Two of them, the Apache and the Kiowa, will be armed with inert rockets, missiles and ammunition.

Each helicopter has three crews rotating through during the Jamboree, explaining their unit's mission and their helicopter's capabilities. The aviators say they expect to draw large crowds of curious Scouts.

"Kids love helicopters and we'll have three of them," said Maj. Forrest Carpenter, 3rd Battalion executive officer. "I expect them to be all over us."

Hanging a welcome



Photo by Jenna C. Bisenius

A worker hangs a welcome banner provided by the Army to welcome the 40,000 scouts that are planned to arrive at Fort A.P. Hill before the end of this weekend.

KTRK ready to hit air waves

By Cpl. Holly Arnold
314th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Now we're ready to jam. KTRK, the service members' radio station here went on air at 6 a.m. today. The broadcast will be live daily from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. during the duration of the National Scout Jamboree.

"Soldiers from the Army Reserve and Army Broadcasting Service are running the station to inform and entertain service members in support of the NSJ," said Sgt. C.J. Sheely, noncommissioned officer in charge, 206th Broadcast Public Affairs Detachment, Seagoville, Texas.

Fact: Listening to groovy tunes increases productivity. The disc jockeys will be playing upbeat music to help the service members get through their duty day. "We will be playing Top 40, urban, adult contemporary, and rock selections," said Sheely. KTRK will be transmitting at 250 watts on FM 100.7 so service members can enjoy the music anywhere on post.

A phone request line will be available soon. Until then, Sheely says everyone is welcome to come by the van to make requests. The camouflaged van, with the gigantic antenna, shouldn't be hard to locate. It's at the corner of Gordan Trail and Thomas Road.

People making requests may even become part of the broadcast. "Hopefully we will be doing some live interviews," said Spc. Justin Jezari, a disc jockey with the 209th BPAD. "That will be a lot of fun."

"It's exciting for me to get to be a disc jockey," Jezari said. "I'm looking forward to playing music that everyone can enjoy. And besides, this is good training for us."

Important Times

DFAC ... Wilcox

Breakfast ... 530 AM until 8 AM Lunch ... Box Lunch picked up at breakfast Dinner ... 530 PM until 7 PM Swing Shift ... 1130 PM until 130 AM

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